1	2
Coimbatore	2
Erode	1
GRAND TOTAL:	34

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Opposition to the merger of Air India and Indian

286. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the merger of Air India and Indian;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some employees unions have opposed the merger; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to merge the two airlines with a new company. For this purpose, a new company, National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has been incorporated on 30.3.2007. The legal and procedural formalities for merger would be completed shortly and the complete merger of the two airlines is expected to be effected in a phased manner over the next two years.

(c) and (d) Some employee unions have submitted a representation expressing their concerns on the merger. On receipt of the representation, Government had invited the concerned Unions/Associations on 27.07.2007 and had allayed their apprehensions and reiterated that all employees would remain unaffected as a result of the merger.

New aviation policy

†287. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new aviation policy has been formulated by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Defence have raised some objections with regard to the newly laid policy; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to overcome the objection of Ministry of Defence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The Draft National Civil Aviation Policy is presently under consideration of the Government.

Construction of second International airport at Mumbai

288. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gave its approval for the construction of a second international airport for Mumbai to be constructed at Navi Mumbai with private participation;

(b) whether as per estimate the existing Mumbai airport will be fully "saturated" by 2013 and the Ministry felt that a second airport for Mumbai should be constructed; and

(c) if so, by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government of India have given "in principle" approval for setting up a new Greenfield airport at Navi Mumbai through Public Private Partnership (PPP). The existing CSI Airport, Mumbai is likely to get saturated by 2013.

Process for the implementation of the Navi Mumbai Airport Project has already begun.

Expansion plan of Dabolim airport

289. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of expansion plan of Dabolim Airport;

(b) the total amount proposed to be spent;

(c) the amount granted/sanctioned/alloted to the Airports Authority of India for the purpose; and

(d) the details of the expansion plan and time within which each of the items under the expansion plan are proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The apron work for providing 3 numbers of additional aircraft parking bays is in progress. There is a plan for constructon of a new Integrated Passenger Terminal at a cost of Rs. 397 crores approximately for which the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been approved by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Board.